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FROM AMBASSADOR WEST FOR SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, SA (BLUMENTHAL, W. MICHAEL)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

REF: STATE 192528

1. I AM VERY PLEASED THAT YOU WILL BE VISITING SAUDI ARABIA. UNFORTUNATELY, I EXPECT TO BE IN THE UNITED STATES AT THAT TIME, BUT THE EMBASSY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SUPPORT YOUR VISIT.

2. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO NOTE THAT YOUR PLANNED VISIT (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON) FALLS ON THE MUSLIM WEEKEND (THURSDAY-FRIDAY). WHILE THE SAUDIS ARE GRACIOUS HOSTS, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU COULD BOTH VISIT SAUDI ARABIA ON WORKING DAYS AND STAY SOMEWHAT LONGER THAN THE PERIOD YOUR ITINERARY CONTEMPLATES. AS YOU KNOW, SAUDI ARABIA IS THE KEY TO OUR MIDDLE EASTERN RELATIONS, AND WOULD SEEM TO ME TO WARRANT SOMEWHAT MORE OF YOUR TIME DURING YOUR TRIP THAN YOU HAVE PLANNED.

3. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MR. JOHN HUMMON, THE ABLE
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DIRECTOR OF USREP AT RIYADH. HE HAS INFORMED ME THAT, ACCORDING TO DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE DR. MANSOUR AL-TURKI, THE PROPOSED DATES FOR YOUR VISIT ARE FINE. HE EXPECTS NO DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING AT LEAST SOME OF THE APPOINTMENTS YOU REQUEST, PROVIDED THE PEOPLE ARE IN TOWN AT THAT TIME.

4. I AM NAMING MR. GORDON DANIELS, COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC
AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, AS EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER FOR
YOUR VISIT. EMBASSY TEL: 52188, EXT. 217; HOME TEL:
51545, JIDDA.
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